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GEOLOGY PROJECT

REF: ISLAMABAD 11537

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING CABLE MESSAGE FROM NOYE JOHNSON, HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE: QUOTE. GENERAL MEETING OF PESHAWAR MINISTRY PAKISTAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DARTMOUTH COLOMBIA YALE PERSONNEL AND HOPEFULLY YOURSELF IS PROJECTED FOR JANUARY 11 ISLAMABAD. CAN WE USE CONFERENCE ROOM AT US EMBASSY. LETTER FOLLOWS. UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED DR. TAHIRKHELI AND UNDERSTANDS THAT HE HAS RECEIVED SOMEWHAT SIMILAR MESSAGE.

3. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY WOULD BE GLAD TO MAKE ITS CONFERENCE ROOM AVAILABLE FOR SUCH A MEETING, WE SEE TWO PROBLEMS. ONE IS THAT PROPOSED DATE OF JANUARY 11 FALLS ON A SUNDAY AND GOP OFFICIALS WOULD LIKELY BE RELUCTANT WORK THAT DAY. MORE IMPORTANT, EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT GOP OFFICIALS WOULD WISH ATTEND MEETING ON EMBASSY PREMISES. WE BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE TO CONVENE THIS MEETING EITHER AT GSP FACILITIES IN QUETTA OR ISLAMABAD OR AT PESHAWAR.

4. SINCE PROCESSING OF SUBJECT PROJECT APPEARS TO BE MAKING PROGRESS, PER REFTTEL, AND ONLY REQUIRES DR. TAHIRKHELI'S FOLLOW-
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UP WHICH HE HAS AGREED TO DO, THERE SEEMS VERY LITTLE THAT THE

PROPOSED MEETING CAN ACCOMPLISH TO EXPEDITE IT. OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING PROJECT ACTIVITIES, WE BELIEVE, CAN BE DISCUSSED EQUALLY PRODUCTIVELY WITHOUT EMBASSY'S PARTICIPATION.

5. STEVE RICHTER IS AWAY ON HOME LEAVE AND IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY. HE MAY NOT BE HERE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING ON JANUARY 11. THE YALE PROJECT, FUNDED WITH SMITHSONIAN FUNDS, IS HANDLED BY USIS CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICE AND APPEARS TO HAVE NO SERIOUS PROCESSING PROBLEMS.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE NSF CONVEYING ABOVE TO DR. NOYE JOHNSON ASAP AND ADVISING US OF HIS RESPONSE, IF NECESSARY.
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